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Mr. Renninger,

I am Dennis Zimmer, Acting Supervisor, City of Dayton, Nuisance Abatement and Rehabilitation Dept. Our department deals with properties deemed to be Public Nuisances by our Housing Inspection Department. Recently the property at 126 Harshman Ave (aka 1400 E Fourth St.) was declared a Public Nuisance. By virtue of being declared a Public Nuisance, the owner of the property is ordered to either rehabilitate the property or demolish it. If neither of these takes place within the specified time limit the city will take step to minimize the Nuisance, usually by demolition. Due to the size of the plant and the potential environmental issues the City is not in a position to consider demolition at this time.

It has been brought to my attention that your Agency has been conducting an investigation regarding hazardous materials at this property. Carson Cockayne with the Dayton Fire has informed me of several responses to deal with transformer oil spills, trespassing and attempts to remove scrap metal from the premises.

Our department has made unsuccessful attempts to contact last known owners of this property without success. We are currently waiting on a title exam report to identify any other parties with an interest in the property.

We would request that the USEPA evaluate the property for additional security measures to limit unauthorized access during your investigation. We are concerned about the possible exposure to unknown health hazards and the safety individuals entering the plant illegally. If such security measures are required, would the USEPA have funding to provide these measures?

We would appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide with this matter. If I can answer any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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